
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

H-5844 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5194](#)

BY Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT {LC375/1} (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced, more comprehensive version of the compact, allowing nurses to hold a multi-state license which would allow them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/08/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5369](#)

BY Alzate, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Azzinaro, Corvese, Lima, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE {LC1418/1} (Waives the adoption fee to adopt a dog or cat from a public animal shelter for a veteran that presents a current and valid driver's license or identification card with the word "veteran" printed on its face.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5463](#)

BY McGaw, Vella-Wilkinson, Baginski, Fellela, Alzate, Shekarchi, Kislak, Ackerman, Ajello, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS {LC1119/1} (Requires group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide prescription benefits to cover prescribed epinephrine injectors and cartridges. No copayment or deductible would be required to obtain a prescribed epinephrine injector or cartridge.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/06/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5551](#)

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC900/1} (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5607](#)

BY Cardillo, Costantino, Corvese, Batista, Perez, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1291/1} (Waives primary care provider referral requirement to health care professional or specialist under certain conditions effective January 1, 2022.)

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5611](#)

BY Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Corvese, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lima, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES -- PRESCRIPTIONS {LC737/1} (Requires pharmacists to notify their customers whether their cost sharing benefits exceed the actual retail price of the prescription sought, in the absence of prescription drug coverage.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5704](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS {LC1746/1} (Requires health insurers that issue prescription drug coverage to use step therapy protocols.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5705](#)

BY Phillips, Shekarchi, Caldwell, Fenton-Fung, Serpa, Fellela, Casey, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - INTERSTATE COMPACT TO AWARD PRIZES FOR CURING DISEASES {LC1292/1} (Adopts the Interstate Compact to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5706](#)

BY Phillips, Carson, Serpa, Fellela, Casey, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC1355/1} (Provides that school forms pertaining to vaccination requirements include information about religious and medical exemptions.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5707](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Fogarty, Baginski, Carson, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1460/1} (Amends the definition of the "practice of pharmacy" to include the administration of adult medications pursuant to a valid prescription of physician-approved protocol and in accordance with regulations.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5708](#)

BY Potter, Cassar, Carson, Kislak, Giraldo, Morales, Baginski, Cortvriend, McGaw, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1492/1} (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for a backup battery for at-home medical devices.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5709](#)

BY Baginski, Caldwell, Potter, McNamara, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC985/1} (Requires minimum insurance coverage for a minimum of ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance use disorders. Effective 4/1/21 or date of passage.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5710](#)

BY Baginski, McGaw, Caldwell, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1778/1} (Adds medical directors or their designees to those individuals to whom disclosure of information contained in any prescription-drug-database is allowed.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5711](#)

BY Baginski, Ackerman, Bennett, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT {LC1779/1} (Allows an ordering physician to obtain the result of any life threatening clinical laboratory test, without the need for a consent to release medical information.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5716](#)

BY Caldwell, Baginski, Morales, Bennett, Ackerman, Donovan, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN PHARMACIES {LC2036/1} (Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies and provides for a civil penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each violation.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5804](#)

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES -- HOMELESS SHELTERS {LC1694/1} (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. [5844](#)**~~

~~**BY Baginski, Casimiro, Bennett**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC2146/1} (Requires medical spas to employ or contract for the services of a licensed physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse.)~~

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5845](#)

BY Bennett, Craven, Costantino, Hull, Casey, McNamara, Williams, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY -- CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW {LC1968/1} (Requires patient contact employees, personal care attendants and high-risk providers to undergo a national criminal records check and would disqualify those people if they have a criminal record for crimes of violence or other offenses listed.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.

Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.

This inbox is for written testimony only.

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,

<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HHHS.aspx> .

VERBAL TESTIMONY

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

***DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Monday, March 15, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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